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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of this Patent Application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, line 17, after "it;" delete "and".

Page 4, line 18, after "unit;" delete "and".

Page 15, line 18, change "continuously" to --further--.

Page 20, line 11, change "an" to --a--.